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SUBJECT: HOLY LAND CONSERVATION FUND PLANS FOR MIDDLE EAST

1. OGDEN REED, FORMER AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL, FORMER CONGRESSMAN, AND PRESIDENT OF HOLY LAND CONSERVATION FUND, HAS ASKED FOR EMBASSY CAIRO'S ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS WITH EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS IN CHARGE OF PRESERVATION OF WETLANDS AND WATER FOWL JUNE 22-25 FOR DR. BERTEL BRUNN, NEUROSURGEON OF NYC AND NOTED ORNITHOLOGIST (AUTHOR OF FIELD GUIDE TO BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA, ETC.). REED IS ALSO SEEKING AMBASSADOR GHORBAL'S ASSISTANCE. BRUNN WILL WANT TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE U.S. PRIVATE SUPPORT FOR EGYPTIAN PRESERVATION EFFORTS AND EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OF SUCH SUPPORT FOR MIDDLE EAST REGIONAL COOPERATION IN THIS SPHERE. BRUNN STAYING AT MENA HOUSE AND TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY ARTHUR SINGER, WILDLIFE ARTIST, AND ROGER CARAS, WHOM REED DESCRIBED AS

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WILDLIFE SPECIALIST FOR ABC-TV.

2. REED SAID THAT FUND, WHICH HAS FORMER AMBASSADOR TO ISRAEL WALWORTH BARBOUR AS CHAIRMAN OF BOARD AND HAS VICE PRESIDENT AND AMBASSADOR LEWIS ON ITS BOARD, HOPES THAT COOPERATION BETWEEN EGYPT, IRAN, ISRAEL, AND JORDAN CAN BE STARTED WITH ITS ASSISTANCE. FUND HAS CONCENTRATED SO FAR

ON HELPING ISRAELI PRESERVATION EFFORTS AND CURRENTLY IS

SEEKING TO PROMOTE ISRAELI-JORDANIAN COOPERATION IN THIS
FIELD. FUND PLANS TO SEND TEAM OF ORNITHOLOGISTS TO ALL
FOUR COUNTRIES IN OCTOBER.

3. DEPARTMENT OFFICER AGREED TO FORWARD REED'S REQUEST
FOR EMBASSY'S CONSIDERATION. UNLESS AMBASSADOR PERCEIVES
AN OBJECTION, SUGGEST EMBASSY MAKE APPROPRIATE APPROACH
TO GOE.

4. FYI: RE PARA 2 ABOVE, UNLESS EMBASSY AMMAN ARRANGED
IT, USG HAS NOT PROVIDED ANY FACILITIES IN SUPPORT OF FUND-
SPONSORED ISRAELI-JORDANIAN DIALOGUE. END FYI. VANCE

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